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On page 1, paragraph 1, please delete the first paragraph under <u>RELATED</u> <u>APPLICATIONS</u> and add the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/343,920 filed June 30, 1999 entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ULTRASONIC LASER TESTING", which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/091,240 filed on 30 June 1998, and incorporates by reference the prior of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/091,229 filed on 30 June 1998 entitled, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING ULTRASONIC SURFACE DISPLACEMENTS USING POST-COLLECTION OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION by Thomas E. Drake.